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ITEM 4Program for Soviet Orbit Escapees--Phase "B"

Summary: In response to the approval by the Board at a previous meeting, Terms of Reference for a study on the Program for Soviet Orbit Escapees has been prepared by the PSB Staff. These terms are so general that it becomes imperative for the panel to definitely establish limits within the context of the problem from which a feasible and phased plan can be evolved. The panel should carefully formulate, as a first order of business, its concepts and outline the immediate practical limits around which a study can be built.

There are two alternatives: to require a rewrite of the Terms of Reference more specifically; or, preferably, to accept the broad statement of the problem, the objectives, and the principal tasks as outlined in the Terms of Reference, with the proviso that the panel narrow and phase the scope of its study to complete it within feasible capabilities.

Recommendation: That you approve the Terms of Reference as stated for guidance purposes for the panel, with the stipulation that the actual study must be narrowed in scope to consideration of immediate practicable U. S. capabilities.

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